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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Nobuo AOI, et al.

Application No.: Not yet assigned

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

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Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix** containing 54 pages of marked-up specification and 54 pages of clean substitute specification containing no new matter is attached following page 3 of this paper.